

Update for Mary Grisier:
Phone Call 1/6/2016

Hiring:

- 89 day hire, Gwen Geronimo started on 12/27/15. Assisting in Case Prep, providing clerical support to log in closed cases without violations into data base, then working on closed cases with violations into data base. Also re- inputting those case files that was lost when our server crashed back in 2009 -2010.
- Pursuing 89 day hire for Big Island enforcement position. (Cal Westergard). Temporarily will use a vacant Oahu enforcement position. Have received approval to fill the Big Island Hilo position, but it has a pseudo position number and our personnel dept. has to create a permanent position no. before we can fill that position. May take several months to do.
- Have asked State Department of Human Resources & Development (DHRD) for a 2nd list of candidates for EHS position for Oahu Enforcement. The 1st list of 3 applications were contacted, two declined to be interviewed and one did not return a phone call.
- No DHRD list generated for the Kauai enforcement position.

Reports:

- Kauai Good Neighbor Program: Matt Strassberg and Kem Lowery of the Environmental Mediation Center completed a final draft of their evaluation of the voluntary RUP pesticide use monthly reporting by 4 biotech companies (BASF, Pioneer, Dow and Syngenta) and Kauai Coffee Company. I sent a couple of comments for them to consider before Scott approved document for release.
- Kauai Joint Fact Finding Task Force: Peter Adler and his group are finalizing their findings of pesticide use by large-scale agribusiness. The JFFTF plans to post Draft 4 of their findings and host a public briefing on Jan 11th at the Kauai Community College.
<http://www.accord3.com/docs/GM-Pesticides/announcement/Update-7.pdf>
A final report will be delivered to Mayor Carvalho and Board Chair Scott Enright on Feb. 15, 2016.
- Working on 1st qtr. Report to EPA Region 9.

Meetings:

12/21/15; 1/2016; Meetings with CTAHR (C. Nagamine and B. Brennan) to discuss comments to provide to EPA on their recommendations to change certification requirements for Private and Commercial applicators.

1/8/16; Meeting with deputy AG Delanie Prescott-Tate. Topic: Pesticide Branch's response to UIPA requests from public. Specifically, clarifying not having to compile any information/lists. Just provide documents in the form it is maintained in.

1/12/16; Board Chair Scott Enright will be addressing the Senate Ways and Means Committee on any requests for funding by the HDOA and highlights of the HDOA the during 2015. All Division Heads and Program Managers are to attend.

UIPA request:

- Numerous ones coming in.

Interview with Reporter:

Request by an environment correspondent (Miranda Johnson) from The Economist for an interview. "Researching an article on the use of pesticides in Hawaii, particularly in light of recent clarification from the EPA on the need to keep humans and pets away from Roundup until it has dried. "

